Ruritans gift

CLOUD ABERNATHY, president of the Oakville Ruritan Club, presents a check to Mrs. Jenny Fratrick, volunteer services coordinator for Appomattox County. The money will be used to support a joyous Christmas for children and senior citizens of needy families in the county. "Due to health and other reasons, Christmas would be just another day without the help of this group," Mrs. Fratrick said. "Christmas is sharing," she added. Anyone interested in helping this cause may send contributions to Christmas Mother Fund, c/o Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 517, Appomattox. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Calendar of Events

Pamplin VFW plans meeting

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

Pamplin VFW Post #10487 will meet at the old Pamplin School building at 7 p.m. All new and old members are encouraged to attend.

Senior discount cards available

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

Senior discount cards will be issued from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Dining Center next to Bessie's Restaurant on Main Street, Appomattox. You must be 60 years of age and bring proof of age and your Social Security card.

Blood pressure check planned

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Pamplin VFW Post #10487 will sponsor a blood pressure check from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the old Pamplin School Building. The public is invited to attend, and there is no charge for this service.

Benefit yard and bake sale slated

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

The Appomattox Junior Volunteers will be holding a yard and bake sale on the lot across from the Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Proceeds from the sale will be used by the group in January to treat less fortunate children to an evening at Show Biz.

"We sincerely hope the Appomattox County citizens will be supportive of these young people in their endeavor," said Mrs. Betsy Carter, group sponsor.

In the event of rain or snow the sale will be held at a later time to be announced.

Oakville club sets annual family dinner

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will have its Christmas family dinner at the Oakville School, beginning at 6 p.m. Each member is requested to bring a vegetable and salad or dessert. Meat will be provided. There will be entertainment after dinner.

Appomattox UDC meets Dec. 15

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at Maude's Restaurant for their annual Christmas dinner meeting.

For reservations, call Mrs. Dorothy Wilkerson at 352-7885, Mrs. Frances Harvey, 352-8492 or Mrs. Margaret Hillsman at 352-7629.

PTA coffee set at Primary school

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

A PTA coffee will be held at Appomattox Primary School. The topic "Teaching your child responsibility" will be demonstrated by relaying means of punishment versus means of logical consequences. Attention will be focused on training children to learn natural and logical consequences, a method of discipline that develops responsibility. This meeting is open to parents of APS students, we well as parents with pre-school children.

Winning poems noted

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To lead me out of this world
To ease my growing fear.

But I find there's no escape,
So I use my mind
To try to send me back in time
To leave this world behind.

As I awaken from my sleep,
I pinch myself to feel,
To have the pain refreshen me,
To make sure it isn't real.

As I think about my dream,
I search for proof to find,
To have some little hope for me to correct this world of mine.

"Beyond the Sound of Guns"
Second place, junior high

By CHUCK WILKERSON

Beyond the sound of guns we march

Beyond the hurt and dead.
Beyond the sound of bullets
That had whistled by our heads.

Beyond the sound of shells
Exploding, oh so close,
Beyond the sight of buddies
Who have given up the most.

Beyond this bloody battlefield,
We slowly march away
To return to our army camp
To live another day.

We hope that those who died,
Swiftly did depart
For seeing someone suffer
Surely breaks my heart.

Now as toward our camp we march,
To sleep another night
I'll ne'er forget this horrid day,
And all its pain and fright.

"Midnight Stroll"
Third place, junior high

By BARRY PHELPS

'Twas a very cold night in December
A night I'll always remember;
I was stranded out there all alone,
Without a penny and chilled to the bone.

The night was cloudy and cold,
As many a haunting tales are told;
It made my bones feel old,
To be out there in that cold.
I traveled a deserted road,
Where the pines stood silent and waiting;
Nearby a small stream flowed,
And I relaxed at the sound it was creating.
I stomped my feet against the chill,
For they felt like blocks of ice;
And my hands were not much better,
The feeling wasn't very nice.
Then I came upon a small shack,
Dark and disappointingly dreary;
For a moment I was taken aback,
The place seemed awfully eerie.
I strode up to the door,
As frightening as it may have been;
I opened it with confidence,
And took a step within.
It took a few moments,
To let my eyes adjust;
The shack was rather run down,
But I never fussed.
I quickly gathered some sticks,
And some hay from off the floor;
I planned to build a fire,
And a bed in which to snore.

The bed turned out perfectly,
The hay all clean and dry;
But the fire would not lite,
No matter how I tried.
So I settled down in my little bed,
And my, how loud I breathed!
I could almost hear it echo in the shack,
As one would never have believed.
Then I realized;
The breathing was not my own,
I was quite terrified,
Now I was not alone.
As it turned out, I didn't need a fire,
For I became quite warm,
And I can tell you here and now,
I run with very good form.

Wooten finishes basic training

Army Pvt. Frederick W. Wooten, son of Clara A. Wooten of Rural Route 1, Concord, Va., has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

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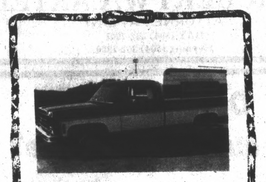

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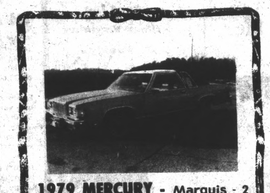

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Small-grain producers should watch for aphids

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Small grain producers need to be alert for a possible aphid build-up. This fall has been relatively mild and this is when aphid populations can "explode." If you can count 15-20 aphids per drill foot, it's time to consider treating.

Aphids transmit viruses that can lower grain yields. Consider weather conditions if a build-up i. discovered. Several consecutive days of below freezing weather will control aphids, almost as well as chemicals.

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According to the Virginia Crop Reporting Service, 12 percent of full season soybeans were planted no-till and 86 percent of double cropped beans were no-till in Virginia. No-till is definitely the way to go.

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A number of research stations are looking at ways to maximize yields of a number of crops. As a producer you need to sort through this research. Researchers are using narrow rows, irrigation, micro-nutrients and nitrogen. We need to determine which of these factors are really influencing yields.

Preston Reid, Va. Tech Soybean Specialist, says at this time nitrogen would be useful if yields are above 60 bushels per acre and irrigation is available. Narrow rows-6 inch rows, should be strongly considered for next year's crop, but be sure that there is a good weed control program in place.

In 1983, Reid got 78 bushels per acre when beans were planted in six inch rows and 1.2 inches of water was applied weekly for 10 weeks.

The U.S. is a major food producer and exporter. We produce 40% of the world's corn and export 74% of the world's export. In soybeans we produce 62% of the supply and account for 77 percent of the world's export. The U.S. produces 16% of the world's production of wheat, but ship 45 percent of the world's supply.

Soybean seed will be in short supply next spring and quality will also be low, due to the adverse weather of '83. Hold some of your best beans for seed.

It would be appropriate to have your seed tested early so that you can evaluate your seed situation.

If you have fencing needs, don't overlook high tensil wire. Some of the newer developments can make a fence predator-proof when it is electrified.

Another new development for temporary fencing utilizes an electro-plastic fencing twince. The bright orange twine makes it highly visible to both stock and the farmer and the loosely looped stainless steel conductor wires prevent breaking under stress. There are two kinds of this temporary fencing, one for cattle, another weight for sheep. If the wire is broken, simply tie the ends together and electricity is restored.

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The Annual Meeting of Lynchburg DHIA is Thursday, December 15, 10:00 A.M. at the Family Steer Restaurant in Lynchburg.

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The Beef Cattle Profit Clinic at the Blackstone Livestock Market is December 15, at 7:30 a.m.

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Cull the beef cow herd hard if feed is short. Don't winter open cows, don't feed worms and lice. Do implant all steers and heifers if they are headed for the feedlot. Have all heifers been vaccinated to protect against bangs? Vitamin A will be important this season. An injection may be the easiest way to go. Cattle need minerals just as much in winter as summer. The two "big minerals" are calcium and phosphorus, but don't overlook magnesium and a trace-mineralized salt.

CHERYL SIMPSON was the winner recently of the Hub Federation creed contest at Monelison Junior High School. In order to win you must know the creed from memory and be able to answer whatever questions the judges choose to ask. For her efforts, Cheryl received $15.00 and a trophy and will represent the Hub Federation Dec. 6 in Halifax.

Victor Ulloa is honored

Spec. 5 Victor M. Ulloa, son of Jesus J. and Maria Ulloa of 368 Link Drive, El Paso, Texas, has been named outstanding soldier of the year for William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas.

The soldier was picked from a select group of peers who were judged on military bearing and knowledge, professional skill and exemplary behavior.

Ulloa, a patient care specialist, is a 1979 graduate of Ysleta High School, El Paso.

His wife, Bernice, is the daughter of Hubert R. and Frances A. McIvor of Rural Route 1, Appomattox, Va.

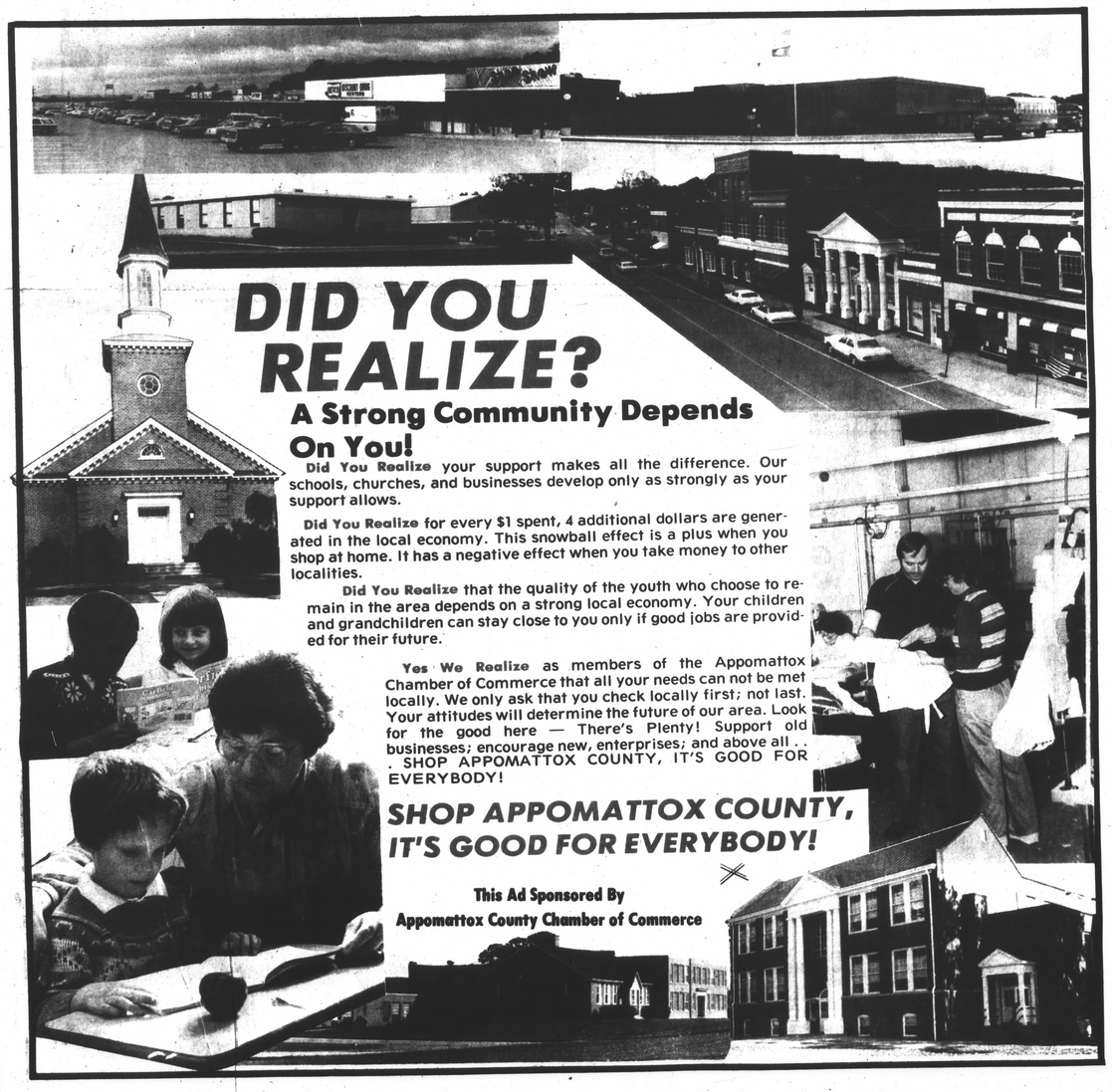
Park's land protection plan noted

The National Park Service has prepared a land protection plan for Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

The plan was prepared in response to the Department of the Interior's policy requirement that any agency using the land and water conservation fund, prepare a land protection plan for any area containing non-federal lands within its boundaries. Appomattox Court House National Historical Park is such an area, and the plan was prepared and is now available for public review and comment.

The plan basically concerns itself with one tract of 22.19 acres along Route 24 in the north-western part of the park. The National Park Service currently hold a scenic easement of this tract, but because of ambiguities in the easement, some types of development would be possible. The plan is recommending that either these development rights be acquired or that the lands be acquired in fee.

The plan is available for review at park headquarters any weekday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For additional informaiton, please call 352-8987.



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